got up to speak, his speech was solid in materials and facts. He made a very useful contribution to the discussions on the various subjects. There was not one subject on which he did not speak. It is really a great pity that such a useful member of this House should have been cut off in the prime of his life. I had an opportunity of looking at him lying in state the next day after his death. While he was there in his house, I had an ocular proof of the high esteem in which he was held by his own community. He was not only a devout Christian but a very popular member of his community. Such popularity does not come easily. I am sure his services to his community must have been so great that his loss was keenly felt and deeply mourned not merely by the members of his family but also by the members of his community.

"As regards Lieut.-Col. K. R. K. Iyengar, it was a pleasure to meet him. He never made any demands for speeches as other members did. Whenever he spoke, he spoke with so much feeling and enthusiasm and put so much knowledge into his speeches that it was always a pleasure to hear him. His speech on prohibition and his speech on medical research are still ringing in my ears. It is a pity that he was not spared for some more time to make his useful contributions to the deliberations of this August Assembly. With great feelings of sorrow I associate myself with this resolution. I hope that this resolution will in a way allay the sense of loss of the members of their families. The House will now stand and pass the resolution in silence."

The resolution was adopted unanimously, all the members standing.

V.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Strength of the Indian Civil Service and of the "listed" posts.

* 1 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the strength of the Indian Civil Service is as fixed under the Government of India Act under the different categories;

(*b*) whether the service is in full strength now;

(*c*) whether there are posts in Madras reserved mainly for members of the Indian Civil Service;

(*d*) whether all the posts under (*c*) have been filled up;

(*e*) whether there are what are known as "listed" posts and if so, what their number is;

(*f*) (i) what proportion does the number of posts in (*e*) bear to the full strength of the service; and

(ii) how it has been fixed;

(*g*) whether the number of "listed" posts can at the discretion of the Government be increased or decreased;

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(*h*) (i) what the method followed now in filling up these "listed" posts is; and

(ii) whether all of them have been filled up;

(*i*) what the position of "listed" posts will be in the new order of things and whether it is proposed to abolish the "listed" posts altogether;

(*j*) whether the position of "listed" posts will approximate to that of the posts in the All-India Administrative Service; and

(*k*) whether certain revenue divisions are specially reserved for the members of the Indian Civil Service and if so, on what basis such reservation has been made?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"(*a*) 162 as detailed below :—

(1)	Number of superior posts under Madras Government	91
(2)	Number of Government of India posts ..	19
(3)	'Listed' posts and posts to be listed [number to be deducted from items (1) and (2)] ..	— 22
(4)	Number of inferior posts	23
(5)	Deputation reserve	9
(6)	Leave reserve	33
(7)	Training reserve	9
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"(*b*) No.

"(*c*) Yes.

"(*d*) Yes.

"(*e*) There are 22 'listed' posts of which only 21 posts have so far been listed, 12 on the Judicial side and 9 on the Executive side.

"(*f*) (i) 13·58 per cent.

(ii) The number of 'listed' posts has been fixed at 20 per cent of the total number of superior posts allotted to the Province, which is 110.

"(*g*) No.

"(*h*) (i) The 'listed' posts are filled by officers from the Provincial Services, Executive or Judicial and from the members of the Bar. On the Executive side appointment is made from Deputy Collectors and on the Judicial side by the appointment of Sub-Judge or by direct recruitment from the members of the Bar.

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[a] Excluding "listed" posts.

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(ii) No. Only 21 posts have so far been listed. One post on the Executive side has not been listed. [Also see answer to clause (*e*)].

"(*i*) It is expected that there will be on the Madras cadre of the new All-India Administrative Service a percentage of 'listed' posts. Details have not yet been worked out.

"(*j*) 'Listed' posts will probably be equivalent to superior posts in the new All-India Administrative Service, as they have been in the I.C.S. but details have not yet been worked out.

"(*k*) Yes. There are 35 divisions reserved for the members of the I.C.S. The reservation is made for administrative reasons."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know from the Government whether even now, after August 15th, the answer 'No' to clause (*g*) of the question continues to hold good?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"As I have said the whole question is under consideration and we have not arrived at any definite conclusion."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I ask, Sir, what this All-India Administrative Service is, what its constitution is and what its relation to the new set-up in the Provinces is?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—"It is too big a question."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"I should like the hon. Member to put a fresh question. I will have to refer to the details and furnish him an answer."

Vacancies reserved for the Scheduled classes by direct recruitment.

*2 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the proportion of vacancies reserved in favour of the Scheduled classes by direct recruitment;

(*b*) the number of vacancies in different services which fell vacant and to which the Scheduled classes were entitled under (*a*) since 1940 (year-war);

(*c*) the number of applications received for each of the vacant posts reserved for Scheduled castes since 1940 (year-war);

(*d*) whether the vacancies remaining unfilled for want of suitable candidates have accumulated and, if so, what the number of such accumulated posts is in each service; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to increase the proportion of reservation of vacancies for Scheduled castes so as to bring it into accord with their population ratio?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"(*a*) $8\frac{1}{3}$ per cent of vacancies in the services and posts to which recruitment is made on communal basis are reserved for Scheduled castes candidates.